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TWENTY-FIRST REPORT TO CONGRESS BY THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES MARITIME ADMINISTRATION UNDER SECTION 217 OF THE MERCHANT MARINE ACT, 1936, AS AMENDED (PUBLIC LAW 498, 77TH CONG.)

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE,
Washington 25, February 28, 1952.

Hon. SAM RAYBURN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington 25, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with the provisions of section 217 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (Public Law 498, 77th Cong.), there is transmitted herewith report No. 21 of action taken thereunder.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES SAWYER,
Secretary of Commerce.

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This twenty-first report to Congress is filed pursuant to the above-mentioned statute and is a consolidated report covering the periods May 1 through August 31, 1951, and September 1 through December 31, 1951.

A minimum of administrative activity was performed under this legislation during the above-mentioned periods. This is due in part to the fact that the majority of freight forwarders have been registered heretofore. Additionally, in view of the expanded overseas export programs currently in progress, forwarders are apparently experiencing little difficulty at this time in obtaining export shipments, either Government controlled or of commercial origin.

Our prior comments as to the inadequacy for administration of section 217, which was enacted for World War II purposes, are still pertinent (see the Maritime Administration's nineteenth and twentieth reports).

During the 2 periods herein reviewed 20 new forwarders were registered pursuant to General Order 70 and 2 firms were deleted at their own request.

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